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Examiner: Charlie Yu PENG

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For : OPTICAL FIBER AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

REQUEST FOR INITIALED FORM PTO 1449

Commissioner for Patents
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401 Dulany Street
Alexandria VA 22314

Sir:

On February 4, 2004, Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement. Applicants notes that the initialed PTO-1449 forms have never been returned. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner forward initialed copies of the PTO-1449 forms.

For the convenience of the Examiner, Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement filed February 15, 2006, a copy of the Forms PTO-1449 filed therewith, and a copy of the date-stamped mailroom receipt evidencing the filing of the same.

Pursuant to a telephone discussion with the Examiner, a copy of the above-noted papers were forwarded to him by facsimile on February 13, 2006. During a further

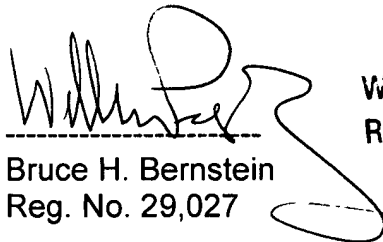
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telephone discussion the Examiner indicated that he has considered the cited materials and that they would not cause him to alter his conclusion regarding allowance.

Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to return a signed and initialed copy of the attached PTO 1449 Form to confirm such consideration.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §§1.97-1.98,

Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. Patent No. 5,812,727 to KANAZAWA et al., which issued on September 22, 1998;

Japanese Patent Provisional Publication No. HEI 5-6564, which published on January 14, 1993, along with an english language translation thereof;

Japanese Patent Provisional Publication No. HEI 6-94947, which published on April 8, 1994, along with an english language translation thereof;

Japanese Patent Provisional Publication No. HEI 3-197909, which published on August 29, 1991, along with an english language translation thereof;

Japanese Patent Provisional Publication No. HEI 5-107428, which published on April

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30, 1993, along with an english language translation thereof;

Japanese Patent Provisional Publication No. 2001-305382, which published on October 31, 2001, along with an english language translation thereof;

Japanese Patent Provisional Publication No. 2000-46554, which published on February 18, 2000, along with an english language translation thereof; and

Japanese Patent Provisional Publication No. 2002-286977, which published on October 3, 2002, along with an english language translation thereof.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R 1.98 (a)(2)(i), a copy of the U.S. patent is not enclosed herewith. However, if a copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and cite the above documents. Copies of the above-noted documents have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is attached. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Further in accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby call the Examiner's attention to the following copending and commonly assigned patent applications:

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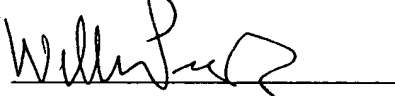
U.S. Application No. 10/699,675 to M. FUSHIMI et al., filed on November 4, 2003,
entitled "Optical Communication Device"; and

U.S. Application No. 10/701,625 to M. FUSHIMI et al., filed on November 6, 2003,
entitled "Optical Communication Device".

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii), copies of the above-mentioned
applications are attached hereto. However, the Examiner is also requested to review the file
wrapper of these U.S. patent applications at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the
references of record, if any, cited therein.

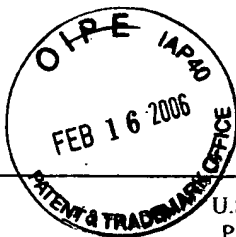
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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*EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.